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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.